



Receipt date: 10/06/2005

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	2	Application Number	10/784,597-Conf. #8309
-------	---	----	---	--------------------	------------------------

Complete if Known

Filing Date	February 23, 2004
First Named Inventor	Joseph P. Errico
Art Unit	3664 738
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	SPINE 3.0-437 PPPPPCON VI

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number Number-Kind Code2 (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
/BP/	AA*	US-2001/0007073	07-05-2001	Zucherman, et al.	
	AB*	US-2002/0111681-A1	08-15-2002	Ralph et al.	
	AC*	US-2003/0014110-A1	01-16-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AD*	US-2003/0014112-A1	01-16-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AE*	US-2003/0028249-A1	02-06-2003	Bacelli et al.	
	AF*	US-2003/0055503-A1	03-20-2003	O'Neil	
	AG*	US-2003/0060886-A1	03-27-2003	Van Hoeck et al.	
	AH*	US-2003/0069586-A1	04-10-2003	Errico et al.	
	AI*	US-2003/0069642-A1	04-10-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AJ*	US-2003/0074067-A1	04-17-2003	Errico et al.	
	AK*	US-2003/0149482-A1	08-07-2003	Michelson	
	AL*	US-2003/0204260-A1	10-30-2003	Ferree	
	AM*	US-2003/0208271-A1	11-06-2003	Kuras	
	AN*	US-2003/0233097-A1	12-18-2003	Ferree	
	AO*	US-2003/0233148-A1	12-18-2003	Ferree	
	AP*	US-2004/0002759-A1	01-01-2004	Ferree	
	AQ*	US-2004/0002762-A1	01-01-2004	Hawkins	
	AR*	US-2004/0010316-A1	01-15-2004	William et al.	
	AS*	US-2004/0030389-A1	02-12-2004	Ferree	
	AT*	US-2004/0030390-A1	02-12-2004	Ferree	
	AU*	US-2004/0034426-A1	02-19-2004	Errico et al.	
	AV*	US-3,867,728	02-25-1975	Stubstad et al.	
	AW*	US-4,309,777	01-12-1982	Patil	
	AX*	US-4,605,417	08-12-1986	Fleischauer	
	AY*	US-4,759,766	07-26-1988	Buettner-Janz et al.	
	AZ*	US-4,759,769	07-26-1988	Hedman et al.	
	AA1*	US-4,932,969	06-12-1990	Frey et al.	
	AB1*	US-4,997,432	03-05-1991	Keller	
	AC1*	US-5,236,460	08-17-1993	Barber	
	AD1*	US-5,314,477	05-24-1994	Marnay	
	AE1*	US-5,370,697	12-06-1994	Baumgartner	
	AF1*	US-5,401,269	03-28-1995	Buettner-Janz et al.	
	AG1*	US-5,425,773	06-20-1995	Boyd et al.	
	AH1*	US-5,507,816	04-16-1996	Bullivant	
	AI1*	US-5,556,431	09-17-1996	Buettner-Janz	
	AJ1*	US-5,562,738	10-08-1996	Boyd et al.	
	AK1*	US-5,676,701	10-14-1997	Yuan et al.	
	AL1*	US-5,683,465	11-04-1997	Shinn et al.	
	AM1*	US-5,782,832	07-21-1998	Larsen et al.	
	AN1*	US-5,893,889	04-13-1999	Harrington	
	AO1*	US-5,895,428	04-20-1999	Berry	
	AP1*	US-5,899,941	05-04-1999	Nishijima et al.	
	AQ1*	US-5,989,291	11-23-1999	Ralph et al.	
	AR1*	US-6,039,763	03-21-2000	Shelokov	
	AS1*	US-6,368,350	04-09-2002	Erickson et al.	
/BP/	AT1*	US-6,375,682	04-23-2002	Feischmann et al.	

Examiner Signature	/Brian Pellegriño/	Date Considered	11/04/2008
--------------------	--------------------	-----------------	------------

Receipt date: 10/06/2005

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. CMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO				Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)				Application Number	10/784,597-Conf. #8309
				Filing Date	February 23, 2004
				First Named Inventor	Joseph P. Errico
				Art Unit	3604-738
				Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	SPINE 3.0-437 PPPPPCON VI

/BP/	AU1*	US-6,517,580	02-11-2003	Ramadan et al.	
	AV1*	US-6,582,468	06-24-2003	Gauchet	
	AW1*	US-6,610,092-A1	08-26-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AX1*	US-6,645,249	11-11-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AY1*	US-6,673,113	01-06-2004	Ralph et al.	
	AZ1*	US-6,682,562	01-27-2004	Viat et al.	
/BP/	AA2*	US-6,706,068	03-16-2004	Ferree	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	†
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)					

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. * CITE NO.: Those application(s) which are marked with an asterisk (*) next to the Cite No. are not supplied (under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii)) because that application was filed after June 30, 2003 or is available in the IPW. * Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issu- number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.				T ²

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature	/Brian Pellegrino/	Date Considered	11/04/2008
-----------------------	--------------------	--------------------	------------